Name of Hospital	No. of Beds (Including ICU/ICCU)	Speciality/Facility for which Recognized
Bharti Hospital and Krishna General Hospital Stree Clinic N.M. Wadia Hospital*	390 60 200	All except, plastic surgery, Cardiac, Neuro and Vascular Surgery. All purpose. All except ENT and Ultrasound.

Literacy rate in Himachal Pradesh

*31. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present literacy rate in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise, particularly amongst girls and women;

(b) what steps have been taken so far by Government to increase the literacy rate in various districts of the State, especially in the backward areas, to remove imbalance;

(c) whether any financial help has been rendered to the State by the international financial institutions for increasing literacy rate in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount provided on this account during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement mentioning the details of literacy rate, district-wise, as per 1991 census is enclosed (See below). As per the 53rd round survey on literacy conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation ending 1997, the literacy rate of Himachal Pradesh was 77% out of which 70% was for females and 87% for males. District-wise figures were not available.

(b) All the 12 districts in Himachal Pradesh have been sanctioned Total Literacy and Post Literacy Projects. One district has been sanctioned Continuing Education Programme. The literacy projects for tribal districts are funded by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 4:1 against 2:1 for other districts. The literacy campaigns reach out to those areas of the country which are

backward, predominantly inhabited by illiterate population and are poverty stricken.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

'Literacy rate in Himachal Pradesh' as per 1991 Census

Name of the District	Literacy Rate		
	Total	Male	Female
Chamba	44.70	59.96	28.57
Kangra	70.57	80.12	61.39
Hamirpur	74.88	85.11	65.90
Una	70.91	81.15	61.01
Bilaspur	67.17	77.97	56.55
Mandi	62.74	76.65	49.12
Kullu	54.82	69.64	38.53
Lahaul & Spiti	56.82	71.78	38.05
Shimla	64.61	75.96	51.75
Solan	63.30	74.67	50.69
Sirmour	51.62	63.20	38.45
Kinnaur	58.36	72.04	42.04

Extension and Development of Aravali Forest Area

+#32. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds sanctioned by the Central Government for extension and development of Aravali Forest area during 1998-99 and the plan under consideration for development of that area; and

(b) whether any scheme for external assistance for the extension of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.